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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Environment (ME)
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Captive or Wild animals that are considered hosts for 9 major wildlife diseases (ASF, hog cholera, SFTS, tuberculosis, rabies, foot and mouth disease, AI, beta coronavirus) including diseases stipulated in Article 44-8 of Enforcement Rules of the Wildlife Act
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft of Annexe 8 from Enforcement Rules of the Wildlife Act. Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 12 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/KOR/20_6293_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The restriction on import into Korea as follows: In compliance with Article 34-10 and Article 44-8 of Enforcement Rules of the Wildlife Act, the major wildlife diseases which require to be under quarantine, or control of access, or to be destroyed are tuberculosis, AI, rabies, hog cholera, and ASF among others. In this regard, the Ministry of Environment of the ROK requires every import for wildlife which can transmit 9 diseases, including beta coronavirus to receive prior approval in a bid to protect the ecosystem and the health of humanity from wildlife diseases. Wildlife additional to this list includes 10,809 species, including 2 orders and 24 families. For more information, please refer to the attached file including scientific names. This excludes livestock and pets, which are the responsibility of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea (MAFRA).
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The Republic of Korea raised its infectious disease alert to its highest level in a bid to cope with the acceleration of the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) transmission, since COVID-19 is a zoonosis.

<p>9.</p>	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>The revised annex 8 (available in Korean with scientific names, attached file) in accordance with Article 28 of Enforcement Rules of the Wildlife Act</p> <p>Article 34-10 of the Wildlife Act (ENG)</p> <p>http://law.go.kr/engLsSc.do?menuId=1&subMenuId=21#</p> <p>Article 44-8 of Enforcement Rules of the Wildlife Act (KOR)</p> <p>http://law.go.kr/lSsc.do?menuId=1&subMenuId=15&query=%EC%95%BC%EC%83%9D%EC%83%9D%EB%AC%BC#J44:8</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</p> <p>27 November 2020</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministry of Environment 11 Doum6-ro, Government Complex-Sejong, Sejong-si 30103, Republic of Korea Tel: +(8244) 201 7243 Fax: +(8244) 201 7261 E-mail: g1seo@korea.kr</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministry of Environment 11 Doum6-ro, Government Complex-Sejong, Sejong-si 30103, Republic of Korea Tel: +(8244) 201 7243 Fax: +(8244) 201 7261 E-mail: g1seo@korea.kr</p>